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# WANTED TO MARRY THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER

Excuse of the Crazy Man Who Entered Roosevelt's Grounds and Aimed a Loaded Revolver at Him—A Sensational Affair.

NEW YORK, September 2.—A special to the Herald from Oyster Bay says: No one better than President Roosevelt realizes how near he was to death at the hands of a crazed would-be assassin late last night.

Attracted by the noise of a disturbance in the grounds surrounding Sagamore Hill, Roosevelt stepped out on the porch. Less than 100 feet away in a buggy stood Henry Weillbrenner, a young farmer of Syosset, L. I., with a revolver aimed directly at the President as he stood silhouetted by the light from his library. Within a fraction of a second a bullet would have been sped on its way had not the man's revolver been knocked from his hand by a Secret Service agent.

The President saw one of his guards dash a revolver out of the hand of Weillbrenner, who an instant later was seized by the collar and dragged from the buggy in which he had driven up. He saw another guard rush up to the first guard's assistance and the two join in overpowering the stranger. He saw his two guards after a moment toss the stranger back into the buggy and drive away toward his carriage-house.

At the same time two men, who have not yet been captured or identified, were prowling about the grounds, while the President was left entirely unguarded in his house, all the secret service men having hurried to the spot where Weillbrenner was overpowered.

Realizing that something was wrong, the President called for some one. His shout was heard by John Seaman who had already been awakened by the noise made by two men crossing his porch. Seaman ran to the secret service men, where they were surrounding Weillbrenner, warned them of the presence of the other two men in the grounds, and, with one of them, rushed to the side of the President.

Reinforcements were hurriedly summoned from the village, and a search of the grounds was made, but the two strangers whom the gardener had heard prowling about his cottage could not be found.

## MIDNIGHT VISITOR DANGEROUS MANIAC

OYSTER BAY (L. I.), September 2.—Shortly after 10 o'clock last night Henry Weillbrenner drove to Sagamore Hill in a buggy. He was stopped by the secret service operative on duty. Weillbrenner said he had a personal engagement with the President and desired to see him. As it was long after the hours when visitors are received, the officer declined to permit him to go to the house. The man insisted, but the officer turned him away.

Soon afterward Weillbrenner returned and again insisted that he be allowed to see the President if only for a minute. This time he was ordered away and warned not to return.

Just before 11 o'clock the man returned a third time and demanded of the officer that he be permitted to see the President at once. The officer's response was to take the man from his buggy and put him in the stables, where he was placed under guard of two stablemen. A revolver was found in the buggy. Later Weillbrenner was brought to the village and locked up. He is five feet, five-eighths of an inch high, 28 years old, and evidently is of German descent. He resides in Syosset, about five miles inland from Oyster Bay. He was well dressed in a suit of dark material, and wore an old fashioned derby hat. It is thought by the officers that Weillbrenner was accompanied by two other men, as their footprints were found in the mud alongside of the buggy tracks. In view of this fact, the officer on duty telephoned to the village for assistance and was soon joined by two other secret service men.

While Weillbrenner talked rationally to the officers last night, it seems evident from his conversation today that he is demented. He said that he had received a telegraphic communication from the President, bidding him call at Sagamore Hill. Weillbrenner's buggy was taken to a local livery barn. When asked what had become of the rig, Weillbrenner replied: "Oh, the President has taken care of it. That's all right."

Weillbrenner is regarded by those who have seen him to be a dangerous lunatic. At Syosset it is learned that the man is the son of a truck farmer and is one of three boys. He has two sisters. The family is respectable and is held in general esteem.

Weillbrenner several years ago had a nervous attack which rendered him mentally helpless for a day or two, but his family supposed that he had been quite restored by medical treatment. Since then he had manifested no symptoms of mental aberration. He had no socialistic or anarchistic tendencies, so far as known, never having been interested in questions of

that kind. He was employed on his father's farm.

Weillbrenner was arraigned today before Justice Franklin on complaint of the Secret Service operatives, who placed him under arrest. Weillbrenner's brother William was present at the examination. Justice Franklin questioned the prisoner about his movements last night. His replies were made in a quiet tone of voice, but they indicated apparently beyond a doubt that the man is crazy. Asked why he went to Sagamore Hill, he replied: "I went to see the President about his daughter, Alice."

"Had you an engagement with the President?"

"Yes."

"How was that engagement made?"

"I talked with the President last night," replied Weillbrenner.

"How did you talk with him?"

"Oh, I just talked."

"A sort of wireless talk, was it?"

"Yes; that is it—a wireless talk."

"Why did you want to see the President about Miss Alice?"

"I wanted to marry her."

"Did you ever see Miss Roosevelt?"

"Yes, I saw her night before last."

"Where did you see her?"

"At my house."

"Did she go there?"

"Yes; she came in a red automobile."

"Who accompanied her?"

"Her brother, Theodore."

Justice Franklin, after the examination, decided he would hold Weillbrenner until an inquiry of lunacy could be held upon his case. The examination was then postponed until 5 o'clock this evening, when physicians who filed certificates entitled them to make inquiry into the sanity of persons to be present.

Weillbrenner was taken to Mineola, L. I., on an evening train and placed in the custody of the county authorities. It appears that President Roosevelt was aware of the trouble the secret service officer had with Weillbrenner last night. After the man had been turned back the second time, despite his insistence that he had an engagement with the President, the officer, to make assurance doubly sure, inquired of the President about the fellow. Mr. Roosevelt was in his library only a short distance from the spot where the officer had stopped Weillbrenner's horse. He told the officer he had no engagement with anybody.

When Weillbrenner returned a third time with a demand that he be permitted to see the President, the officer seized him and drew him out of the vehicle over the front wheel. The scuffle attracted the President's attention. He appeared at the door overlooking the driveway from the veranda as Weillbrenner was being taken into the stables, but returned to the library almost immediately. Weillbrenner has been practicing with his revolver recently, but he would give no reason for his interest in marksmanship, and today said he could not shoot very well.

It appears that one of his brothers, who attended the examination this afternoon, is a metal worker and belongs to a labor union in Brooklyn. Some time ago he lost his position and went with his wife to his father's farm at Syosset. The farm is a good one, but the family is in debt for it and the father, Henry Weillbrenner, and the son who was arrested last night have been working hard to lift the indebtedness.

The son from Brooklyn is said to have talked a good deal to his brother recently about unions and about the loss of his position. It is thought that the hard work and the trouble over the farm indebtedness had something to do with upsetting Weillbrenner's mind.

The incident is the first serious occurrence of the kind during the President's summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill. It has demonstrated completely, in the opinion of officials here, the wisdom of the close and systematic guard which is maintained at all times over the President. He is exposed frequently, it is true, to assault, but every care that human agencies can devise is exercised constantly to insure his personal safety and immunity from danger. Personally he was not perturbed by the Weillbrenner incident, but although the maintenance of the guard is often distasteful to him, he thoroughly realizes the necessity, in the circumstances, of having made as certain as possible the personal safety of the President of the United States.

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It is also proposed to construct electric elevators in the crater, by which sightseers may descend several thousand feet and get a view by electric light of the great subterranean cavity.

## NEED THE SCHOOLMASTER.

CHICAGO, August 30.—For poor spelling, \$500. That is the cost to Evanston, the seat of the Northwestern University, the home of Professor J. Scott Clark, champion of correct orthography, of 1600 mistakes in spelling in the revised book of city ordinances.

The spelling debt is charged up to the suburban solons of the council chamber, who saw the errors and failed to realize in what manner the spelling book was being abused. The Aldermen are busy trying to shift the blame, and Evanston, feeling itself disgraced, is clamoring in indignation for punishment.

When the Aldermen decided to have the city ordinances revised they awarded the contract to a printing firm for \$866.40. Proofs were turned over to the aldermanic committee for correction, and eventually the book appeared. Then somebody discovered hundreds of misspelled words hidden in the fluent Evanstonian English of the ordinances. The cry was raised and the search began. There were 1600 infractions of the spelling rules. Now the mistakes are being corrected by printing the whole book over again, and the total cost to Evanston for a "spelling perfect" set of ordinances will be \$1416.40.

## IS A WOMAN.

PARIS, August 30.—The identity of Claude Ferval, the novelist, whose book, entitled "The Other Love," was recently crowned by the French Academy, has at last been revealed. Behind the masculine signature and virile style is the charming personality of the Baroness de Fribourg, the most feminine of women. She first came to the notice of Parisians as a painter of portraits, several of which were exhibited at the salon. It was an accident which showed her the true bent of her genius. Her daughter, of whom she was passionately fond, married and left her. It was to ease her suffering that the Baroness attempted in "The Other Love" to depict the maternal yearning and the emptiness of her life. The book, issued under the pseudonym of Claude Ferval, caused a sensation. The Baroness then took to writing as a career. Her second novel, "Le Plus Fort" (The Strongest), is just out.

## SANITARY BARBER SHOPS.

NEW YORK, September 1.—The new law regulating barber shops has become operative, and, beginning today, any tonsorial artist in New York State caught shaving a customer without washing his hands in warm water and soap, or using a powder puff or a towel on more than one person without its having been washed, will be subjected to imprisonment and fine.

No alum or other astringent may be used in stick form to stop the flow of blood. The use of sponges is strictly prohibited. Mugs and shaving brushes must be thoroughly washed after use on each person.

Combs, razors, clippers and scissors must be thoroughly cleansed by dipping in boiling water or other germ destroyer after every separate use. Other provisions are made for the cleanliness of shops, and every barber must have a certificate by an examination before a State board.

## NEED LARGER NAVY.

NEW YORK, September 2.—Admiral George Dewey has contributed an article in a Navy periodical, in which he gives the strength of the fleets that Great Britain, France and Germany could assemble for their summer maneuvers as compared with the small fleet assembled at Bar Harbor.

"Our immense coast line and our rapidly increasing world trade," says the Admiral, "demand a Navy. We must have it for our own protection; and it rests with the Navy League to instill this idea into the minds of all classes of citizens until the pressure of public opinion gives us such a Navy as is needed for the country's prestige or safety."

The British fleet—that which is in home waters alone—forming but a fraction of the British navy, which would be available as an evolutionary squadron, includes thirty battle-ships and thirty cruisers. The home French fleet includes sixteen battle-ships and eleven, cruisers; the home fleet of Germany eight battle-ships and five cruisers.

## A TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

CHICAGO, September 2.—Directors of the Frances E. Willard National Temperance Hospital have decided to erect a \$75,000 hospital in Chicago. The building will be the culmination of nineteen years' work on the part of the directors, all women, and will crown successful efforts to treat diseases without the use of alcohol.

## AS TO AIRSHIPS.

PARIS, September 1.—Santos Dumont is likely to surprise the St. Louis Exposition authorities by a visit within a few weeks. The aeronaut is anxious to know the exact truth regarding next summer's air ship competition at St. Louis, in preparation for which he has spent so much money, uselessly, he now fears. The Brazilian, who is en route to Rio Janeiro to visit his family, wrote a letter to a Paris friend just before sailing.

"Thus far," he writes, "in spite of the newspaper correspondents' reports, there is nothing certain on which to proceed. In other words, I do not yet know the exact amount of the prize nor the precise conditions. In any case I will return with a knowledge of what is really intended."

Santos Dumont's French rivals here are secretly amused. They are inclined to think the whole competition is a "piece of Yankee bluff." They declare that the upshot will be that the Brazilian will furnish entertainment for the exposition at his own expense.

## SINGER'S REMARKABLE DEATH.

A remarkable story is told of the death of the young Austrian opera singer, Irma Golz. Though only 29, her career has been brought to an end by an incurable disease. At midnight Frau Golz requested to be lifted out of bed. This was done, and then, again at her own desire, she was dressed in the costume of her favorite character, "La Traviata." All the lights in the room having been turned full on, the singer took a sorrowful farewell of her husband and other relatives who were present. Having asked that her brother should play on the piano Mendelssohn's "Frühlingslied," the dying woman accompanied the music with a voice of infinite pathos, and then sank to the floor exhausted and expired.

## ILLEGAL MARRIAGES MADE LAWFUL.

A rather curious bill for the legalization of sundry marriages has just been issued in England. It appears that the Elleker chapel-of-ease, Brantingham, Yorkshire, was rebuilt and consecrated in 1844, but for some unaccountable reason the licensing by the bishop for the publication of banns and solemnization of marriages was overlooked. Consequently all marriages celebrated there were illegal, and the bill is introduced for the purpose of declaring them legal. The discovery that by the neglect of formalities hundreds of persons dead and living were, strictly speaking, illegitimate children naturally created consternation. All, however, will now be set right.

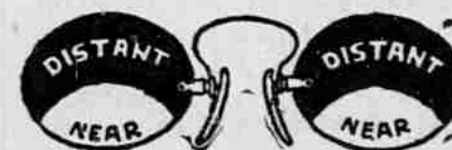
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